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武器と技巧を駆使しバッタを狩るカマキリは、
僕の中でほ子供時代から長らく強者の象徴でした。
それだけに、バッタ目でありながらカマキリを
容赦無く貪り食うリオックが僕に与えた衝撃は
大きく、その動揺がそのまま「蟋蟀」と対峙する
「竈午」の動揺となって表れています。

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お手に取って頂きありがとう御座います。
ここ数年ほとんど日に当たらない生活が続いてます。ただでさえ白い肌が更に白くなる一方で、たまに友人に会うと「顔色が悪くなった」と言われる始末です。鏡を見ると我ながら不健康そうなのでどうにかせねば…
日中外出するようにするのが一番なのでしょうが、その為にはまず仕事の手を早くする所から始めないといけません。

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アリスは次々と襲いくる「蟲」たちの前にピンチを迎えるが、
そこにかつてアリスと死闘を演じた「竈午（コンマ）」響が現れる！
そして、「竈午」と「蟋蟀（リョシツ）」の想像を絶する肉弾戦が幕を開ける!!
過酷さを増すデスゲームにアリスの運命は一体どうなってしまうのか!?

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Chapter 21 : Don't Misunderstand

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Hibiki...

...senpai...

Don't mis-
understand.

I shall certainly settle my score with you.

However, before that...

.....

That is all.

People should only act once they have a reason, from figuring out their own personal strife.

I...

...still haven't said anything...

I...

Note: She means more like, yelled or asked for help. She still hasn't called upon him, and he jumped in.

...This isn't the first time either.

Until now, all this money being blown just for the sake of The Organization's deceased comrades...

...Having to go to the extent where you're willing to offer a reward of several hundred million...

Never-theless...

It seems clear that it isn't anything like revenge.

...for targeting Fujii Alice's life?!

What is the reason...

I was just taking it easy on you earlier, however...

...This next attack is for real.

Wearing beautiful speckles on its back,

Nami Hanmyou, or the *Japanese Tiger Beetle.*

That sort of quick-witted behaviour is said to be similar to that of a cat's, thus being the reason behind why they are called Hanmyou. Han means speckle, while myou means cat.

it is a carnivorous insect that excels in instantneous short-distance flight.

they do not just use maneuver-ability to chase the prey.

However, when a Japanese tiger beetle hunts,

Their true forte is...

...an ambush.

and by using their compound eyes that possess 360° vision,

Their head area protrudes largely,

They hide themselves and stop their breathing, waiting for an opportunity.

exactly like a wild animal from the feline family.

they carefully observe their prey,

So then...

That would be...

...do they exhibit this instantaneous power they were endowed with since birth?

...Just when exactly ...

逃 Escape 走

COWARD!

WHY YOU...

W-

STOP!!

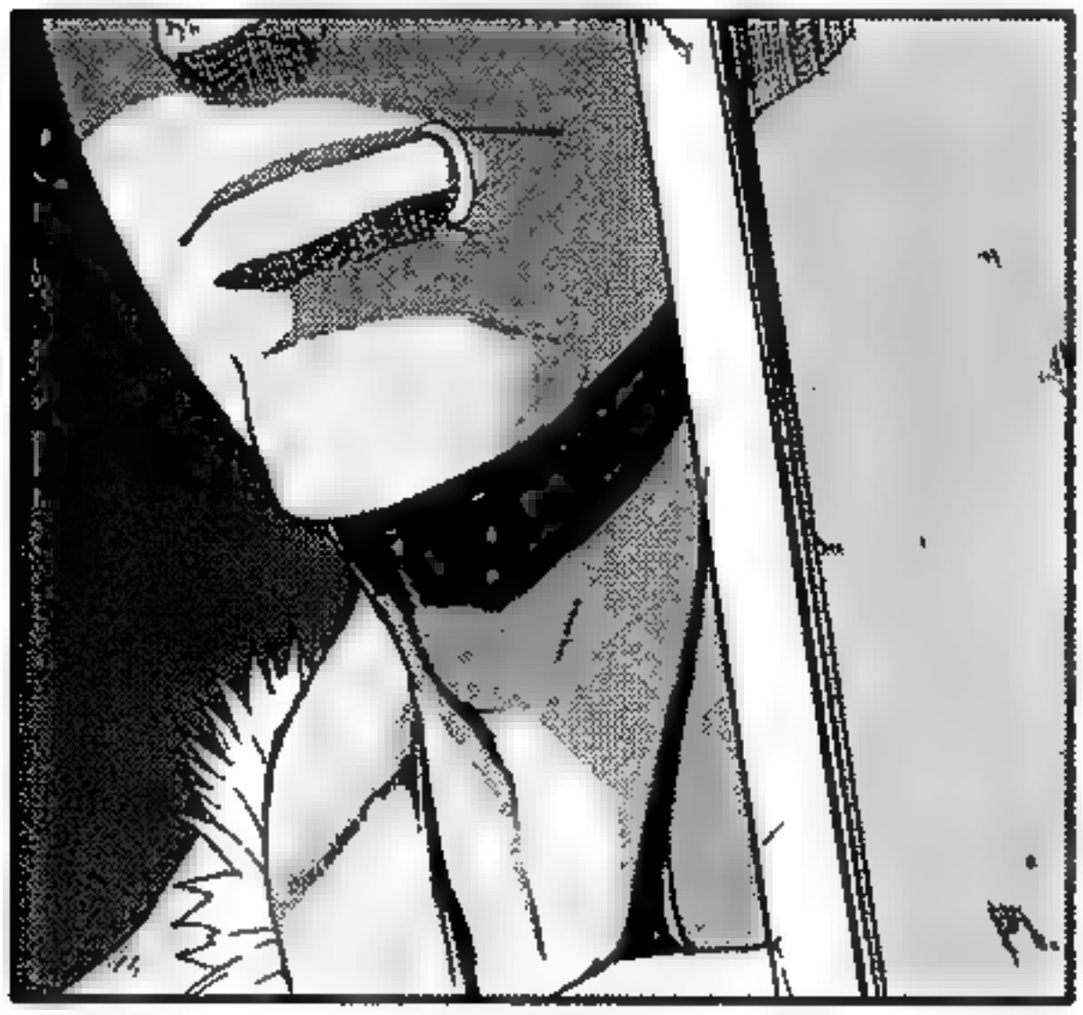
This isn't a joke, myo...

...our belief is to hide and lurk, and then aim to attack...

For tiger beetles...

...I won't make such foolish actions, myo..!

Battling head on...



...and then I will form a new strateg-

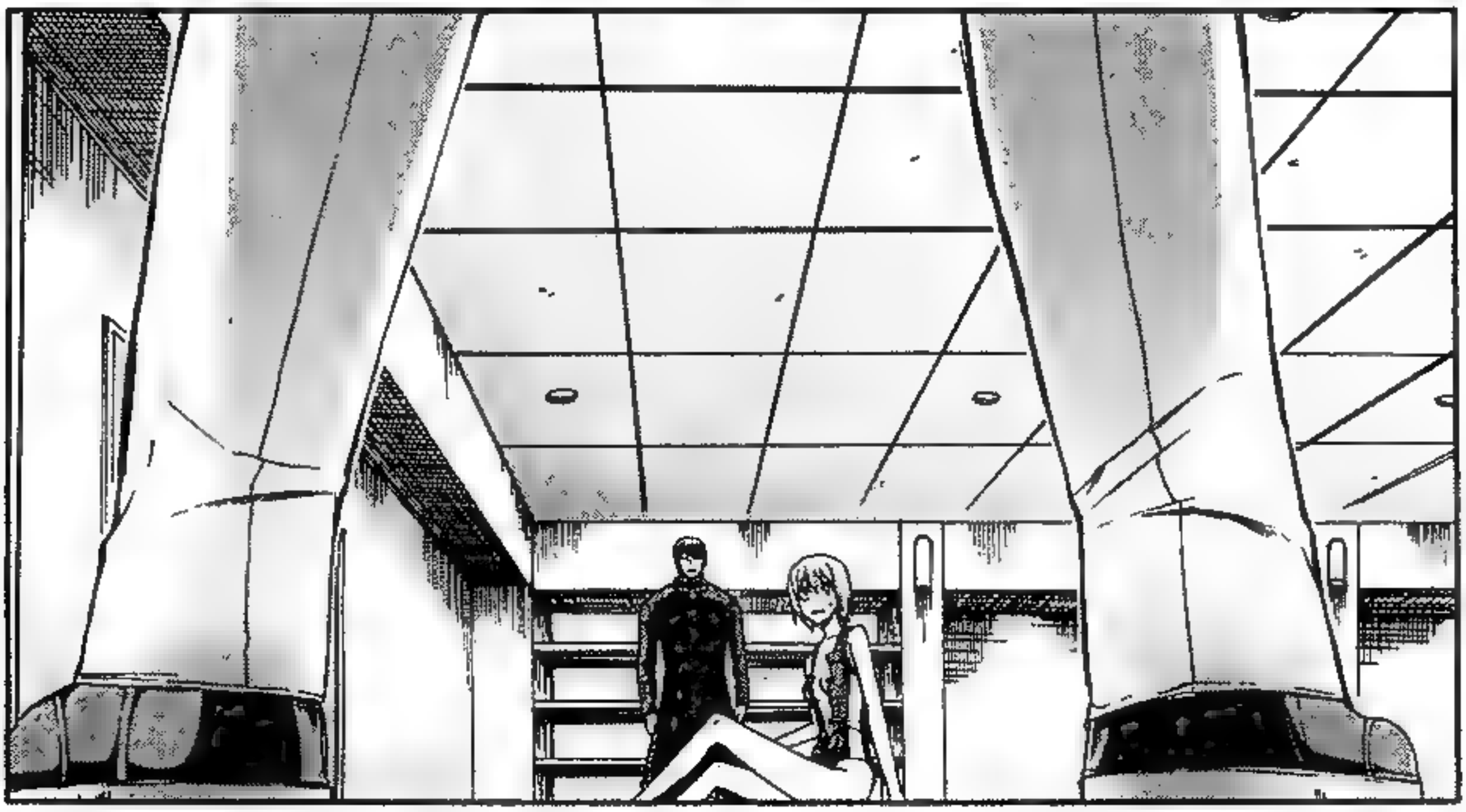
For the time being, I shall evacuate...

Hm?

What the...

Myo?

WHAM



Again...

A new enemy...

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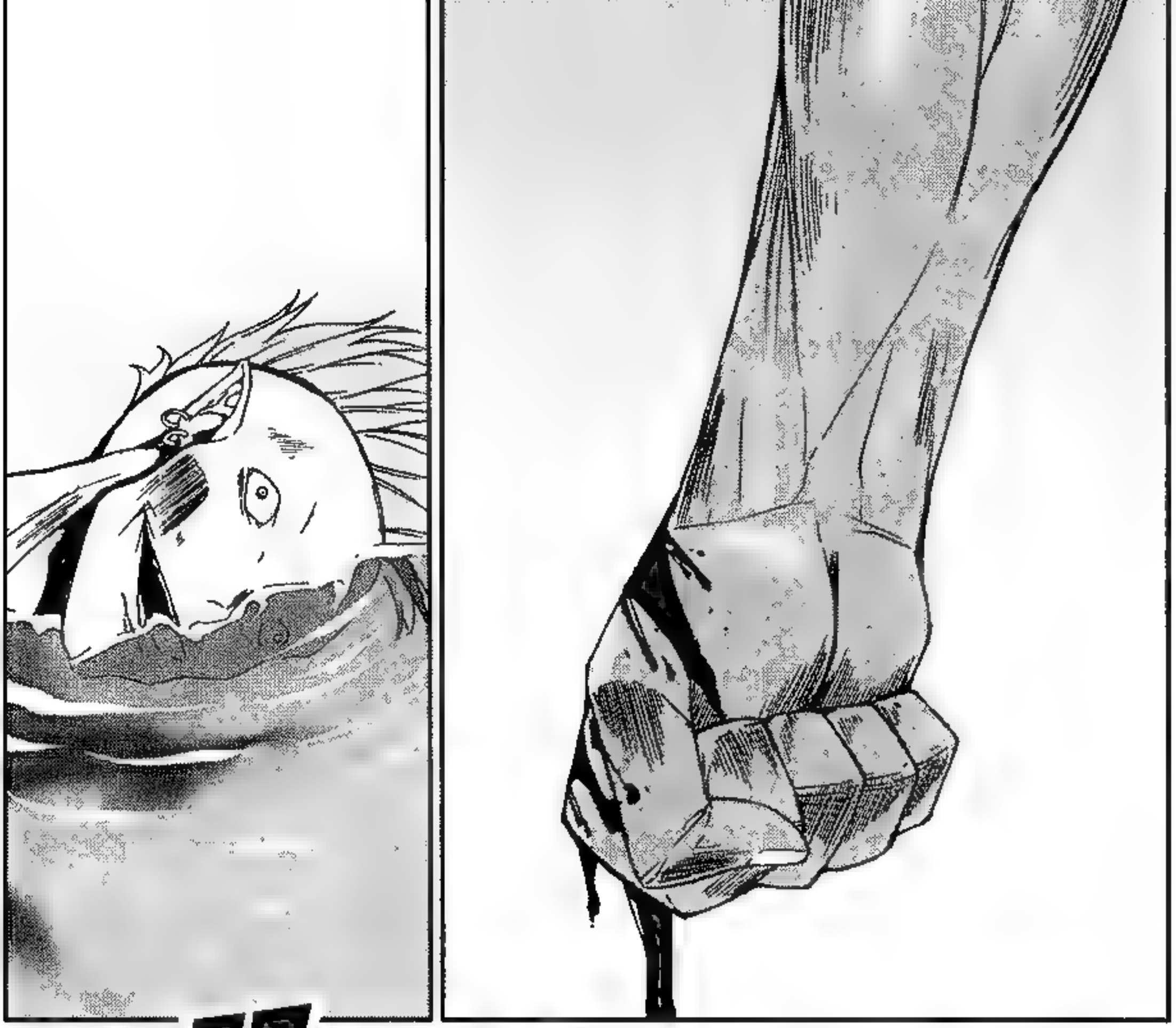

Before I am killed...

B-

...I cannot do anything but kil-

The Kahen Rider was a reconstructed being.

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Do you know?

...was the insect that it was modeled after?

ガラ

So then, just what exactly...

Of course.

That would be me.

Riokku.

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Chapter 22 : I Had Heard a Rumour

Waaaa-
hhhhh...

Alice-
sama...

...You're
so late...

She couldn't be drowning, right... I'm worried...

That girl... when push comes to shove, she'll manage. Thus.

She's a blockhead in front of people, but...

She'll probably do fine, right?

What?

there's this vibe like it's not that bad anymore, huh...

lately,

Even though they've been screwing so much with Alice-sama,

Oh nothing...

They were pretty evil before, but...

.....

At first, they were unusually cute, huh.

I wonder what has changed.

These ones lately aren't that bad.

Got any parents?

You.

lonely, painful...

Those kinds of ordinary things...

Not having any parents... It would be rather inconven.ent,

What of it?

Generally speaking, no, but

They say, *"Then... Please sympathize with me..."*,

but they still put on a gloomy face and act as if they are miserable.

...Talking about them as if they are super special...

Sigh...

...You can't help but hate them!

Those good-for-nothing people...

You really...

...wanted to become friends...

...with Alice-sama, didn't ya...

Wha-

It has bas cally become the result we des red

Well... Isn't that just great anyways?

HA

WHA- I'LL KICK YOUR ASS!!

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, SLUT..!

WOW...

You're trembling so much!

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WAIT!

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!

IT'S DANGER-OUS!

Wai-

That's right.

I've been alone since who knows when.

Back then as well.

That much was clear.

Now, I will be going off to a very far place.

I didn't cry.

That is fine, right?

You will have to survive by yourself.

Yes...

I can't expect her not to be unhappy about it.

The position she was left behind in as well as her surroundings are the worst.

Alice certainly isn't ordinary

If she starts to think more spectacularly I will also respect her

That is.

If she's doing stupid stuff then that's because she's being an idiot

I won't give mercy to her either.

However, I will not sympathize with her

That is all.

I am only treating her like a normal person.

Wait..!

Where are you going..!

Vending machine.

By myself.

Say,

I can't even trust you in the first place.

Now I really don't know if we'll be killed...

Geez.. Looks like we're being deviants already, huh!

Foooound youuu...

Well... ♡

Riokku..?

.....

The strongest insect that the Kabuto Rider was modeled after.

Riokku.

That would be me.

Why?

Withdraw now!

This will not be over-looked.

I...

It's quite clear.

That is, Kamadouma...

I AM THE TRUE KAHEN RIDER!

These guys...

T-

.....

...are they talking about...

Just what...

Correct that mis-under-standing.

You came because of your ignorance.

I am giving you fair warning.

Otherwise...

That...

Hibiki-senpai was...

十ニ…

In a single hit..?!

A huge carnivorous insect that originates in Indonesia.

Riokku, or *Sia ferox.*

and the point about them being a predator is similar to a Kamadouma's, however...

It is the world's biggest species of Korogisu or **King Cricket** in the Orthoptera order that also resides in Japan.

and even creatures as large as small animals, are considered prey by them.

Insects, arthropods

Their ferocity is the best in the insect kingdom.

It is said that they show no interest in any prey that has already been thoroughly eaten

However, they ignore dead prey

They are natural born fighters.

They love violence and slaughter.

Strong...

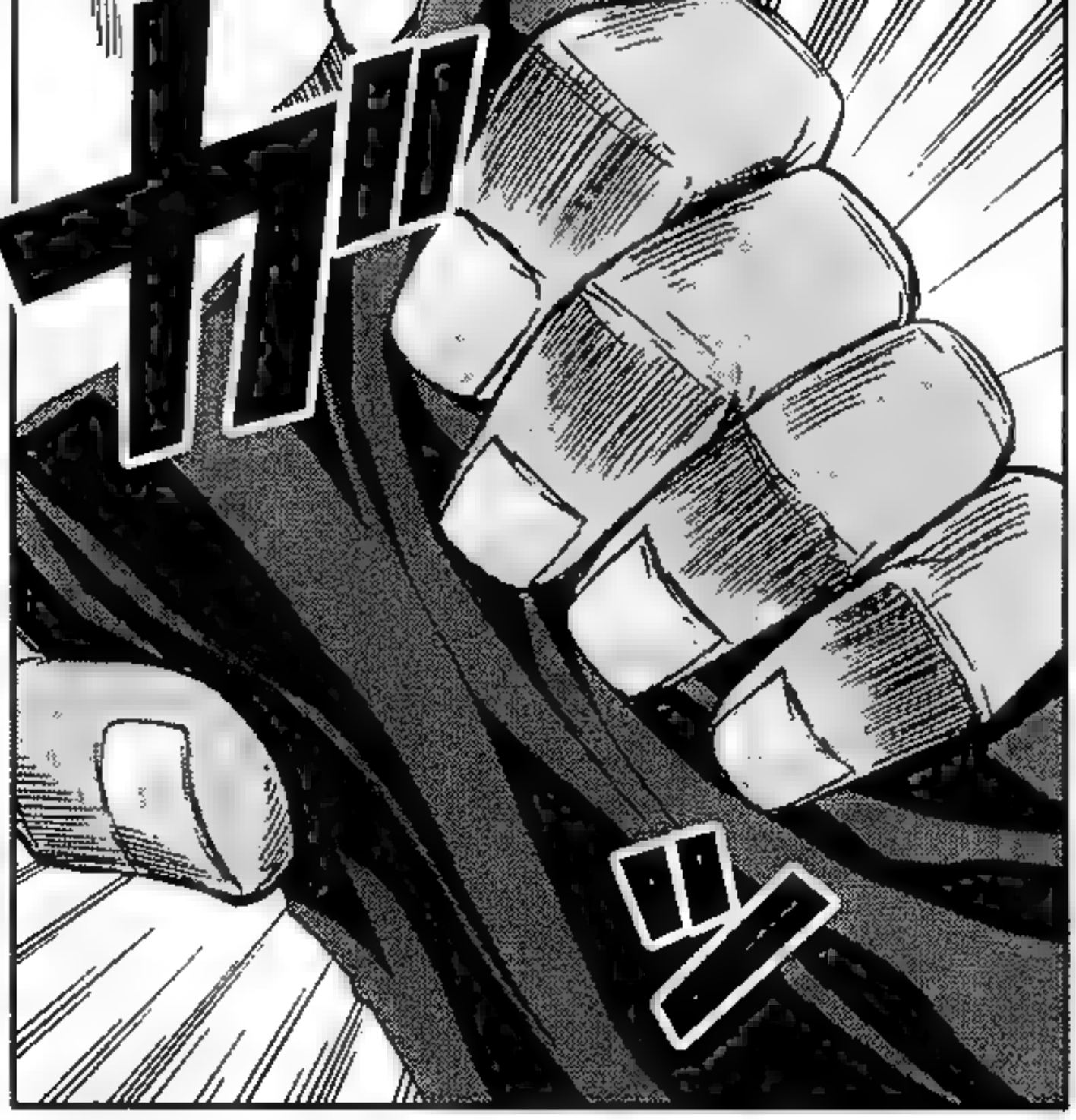
S-

What should I do?

...He is of the strongest type...

Or should I say, among all the assassins until now...

What shoul-



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I had heard a rumour...

With an insect that...

...utilizes his or her own body as a weapon,

Since there are others apart from me who respect the Kahen Rider as well...

With this kind of strength...

one day, I would need to choose ***heaven or hell...***

I expected that,

What
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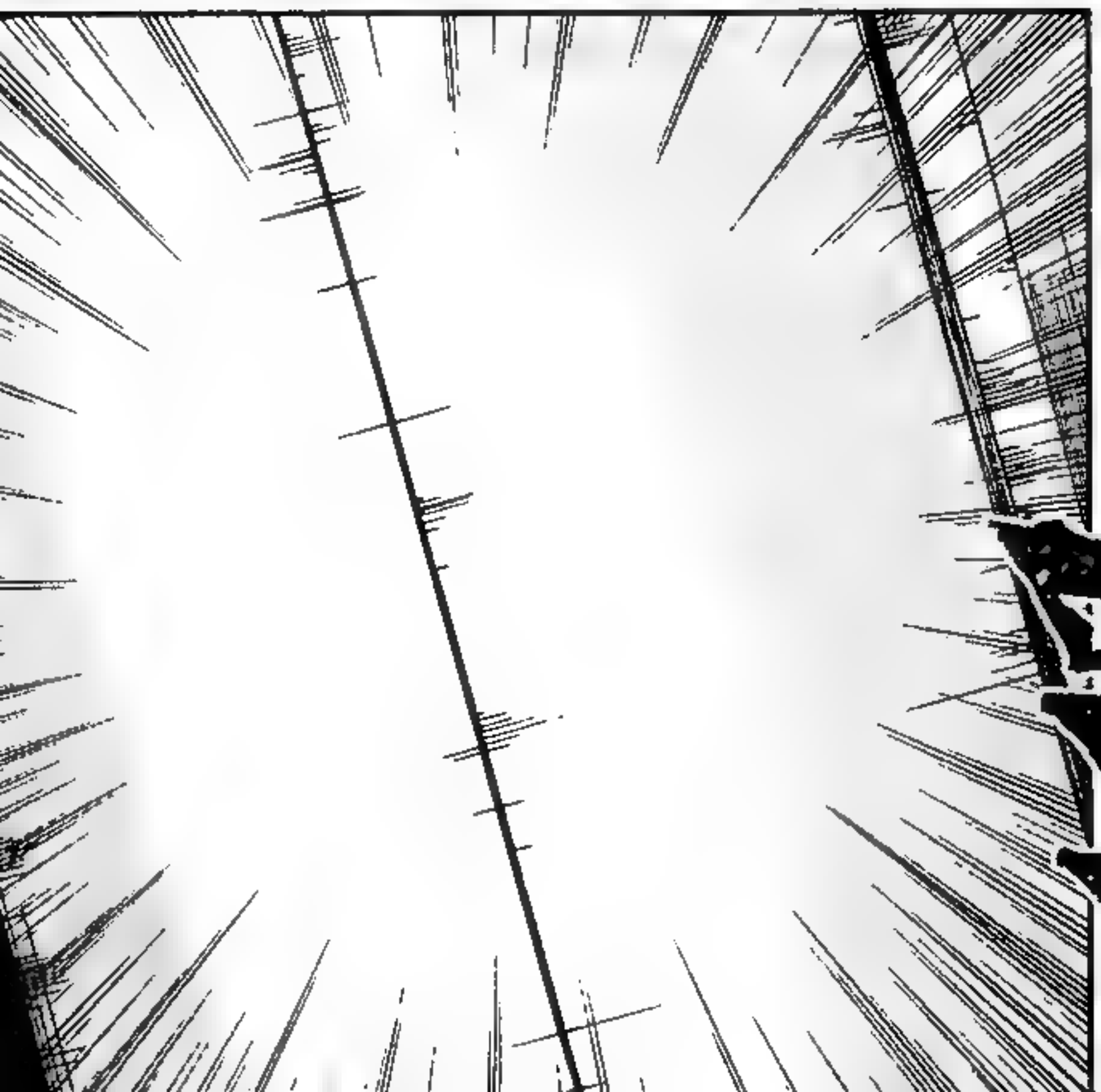
...makes me laugh.
...Calling yourself the Kahen Rider...



Hmph

Cha-

Got away.

huh-

True Rider 真・直翅

Kick 目蹴撃

ハアー

ハアー

ハアー

W-

WHAT NOW?!!

...evil has...

And now, yet another...

W-

What did you sa-

Weak.

T/ Note: He actually says "right" here, but "weak" sounds better instead

GAH-

they freely leap to hunt.

Using their developed hind legs,

This is different from the Kamadouma...

...When Rukku battle,

They do not possess any approximate sort of tactic.

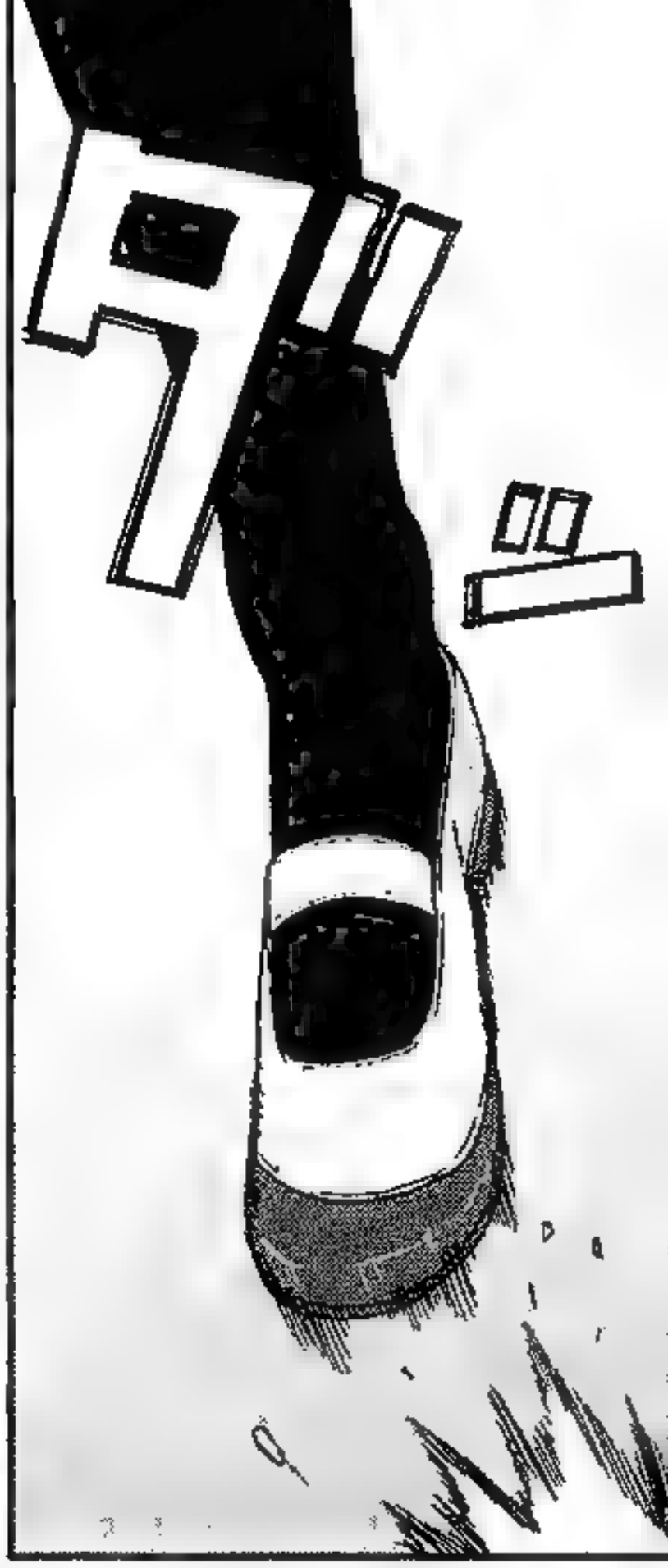
After that, it is simply dedicated...

they completely pin down their prey.

dedicating their overwhelmingly large build and physical strength

...mayhem only until they...

...reach their limits.



It's no good.

Then, those two..!

There's no answer...

...

If I don't return to the classroom...

Anyways, I must hurry.

...similar to how I was..?!

Could they have been assaulted by an enemy...

!

Fujii-san.

Our head...

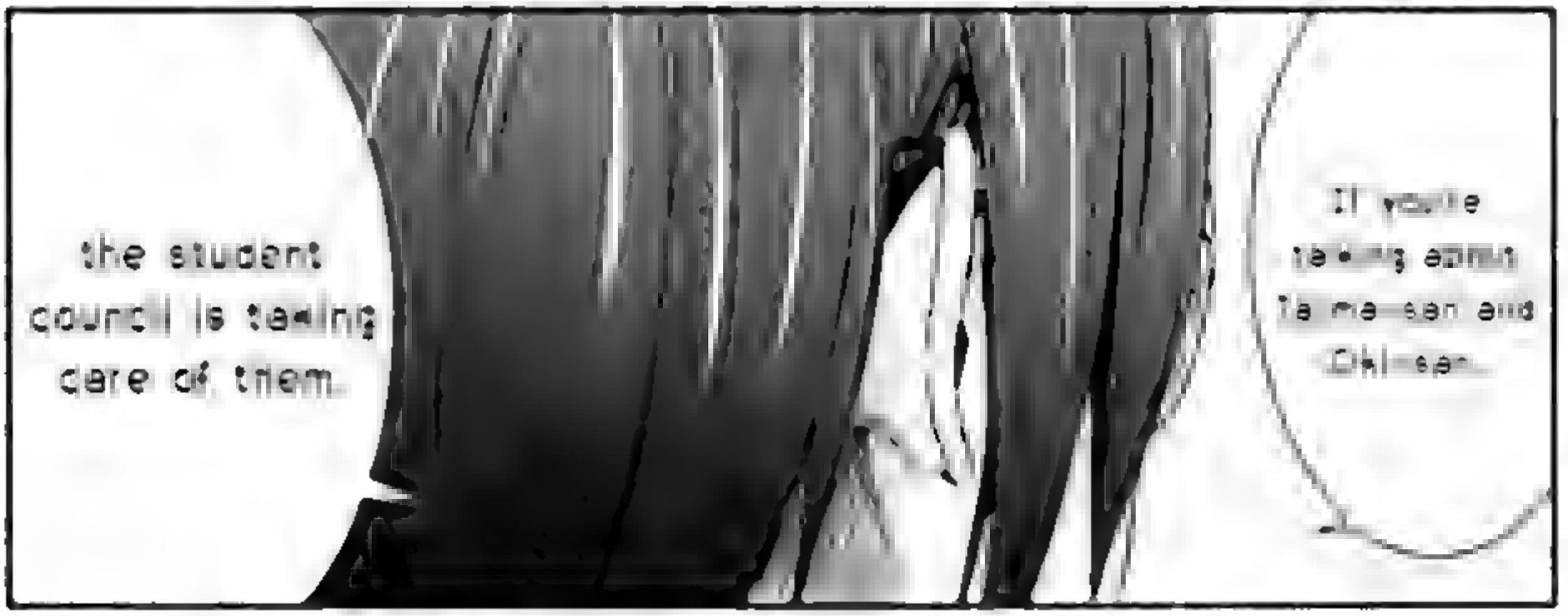
would most certainly like to speak and have a chat with you

Kuramoto-senpai...

K-

I'm sorry
It's fine.
Erm...
Please come with me.

the student council is taking care of them.
If you're talking about the man and Chinese...


Eh...

I beg you, Fujii-san.

...What do you mean..?!

T-That is...

At any rate,

please come without saying anything.

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Chapter 23 : I am the Boss

生徒会室

I've brought her.

President.

What a pleasant surprise.

Fujii Alice-san.

I welcome you.

...is Tajima-san and Oki-san?

Where...

Please take a seat.

For once, I wanted to talk with you.

Instead of that,

tell me.

...How would you feel?

If you could earn yourself some prize money...

...also a member of The Organ.-zat.on?

Are you...

.....

YOU'RE THE KIND OF KID THAT'S BAD AT FIGURING THINGS OUT, HUH!

GYA HAHA HAHA HA!!!

"Member of The Organi-zation"?

...is me. Myself.

The Organization, basically...

TL Note: Above, Sara means something more like, "I *am* The Organization."

Could it be...

C-

That's right.

!

Fujii Alice.

I am the boss.

What I heard earlier...

Ohh...

You're surpris-ingly...

She's just a girl that gets on your nerves, so I was watching over her!

Tsss... you're annoying

...quite attached to Alice-sama, aren't ya?

I...

If you got to know me better, you would know that I'm the type of person that people hate

So the type nobody wants, huh...

One wrong move and you'd be a stalker!

Even if I don't make the wrong move, I don't want to be told about it by a stalker like you...

Okay, then the stuff that Alice also likes...

...You surely... know what they are, right?

You're probably the one who'd know

Hereh

There's no way I wouldn't know...

These books... Just what books are they?

Ded.cated, a.n't she

If she has even a litt.e bit of time, she'll likely be reading books!

First up are books!

Mystery nove.s.. I wonder what they are, hmm. ?

Wel.... they were foreign nove.s or someth'ng of the sort...

Atouda Takashi.

Philip Dick.

O. Henry.

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S ALWAYS STEALING HER PANTIES!!

...You're totally hurting Alice-sama's privacy!

Butting in to that degree is a bit...

and she'll just keep reading for who knows how long.

if she doesn't stop herself, she'll go into her "concent-ration" state,

The reason being,

The books that girl reads are all short.

Know-it-all, huh...

ヒク。

Pff-

Ookay!!

♡

SHE LIKES PUDDING EVEN MORE THAN THE THREE MAIN MEALS!!

I'm not even getting pissed off..!!

PUDDING!

THERE ARE OTHER THINGS TOO!

TL Note: Gokiburi here is yelling at Yoriko out of jealousy, and Yoriko's just telling her that she's not even trying to fight with her

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Call her here!

You have contact with her, right?

Right now!

About Fujii Alice!

I wanna know too..!

Long time no see, Goki-chan!

...in a place like this.

Why are you...

W-

Someone you know?

Who's this girl?

Kabutomushi?

Wait.

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I thought that you had pierced all of my internal organs, however...

I have completely destroyed your rib cage.

What do you want?

...seem to have avoided damage.

I, more or ess..

Thanks to this,

ガシャ

This guy—

...He wore those kinds of weights to his body...

!

(!)

I'd reject it if it were human.

...but I'll exacted my revenge on Figo Alice...

This screen of corn with fan plate inserted...

It seems there's no need for me to say that anymore.

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ㄱ

ㄱ

After a year you only used that as a last minute cover-up

Just stop.

.....

TL Note: He actually says "Don't say that.", but it doesn't really mix in with the tone, so I changed it.

Something I have finally perfected after secluding myself in the mountains for two weeks.

Stop bull-shitting.

You can't alter the differences in true power.

There's a difference even between heaven and earth.

...A new killing technique.

...Something I've kept until now...

I will finish you...

Next up,

I was going to guess what you had bought, but...

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ア…

You really don't get tired of it, do you?

...Looks like it'll be Kahen Rider again, huh.

Got a problem?

...every time I finished off one of my jobs?

Didn't you promise me that you would buy me one...

For the sake of calling myself the Kahen Rider...

Having all of this, you know...

Well that is true, howeve–

I need to carefully watch them all over.

Every series. Every episode.

An insect I know who calls himself the Kahen Rider.

Is that so.

.....

Actually, there is one more person apart from you.

What kinda killing techniques does he use?

What kinda guy is he?

so his crude technique doesn't actually have anything you could call it.

His attacks are solely strikes that use all of his strength,

and similar to you, he does not carry any weapons, however...

He is determined to stay bare handed until the last moment,

However, he's very powerful.

That kind of a guy isn't a Rider at all.

What the heck.

that.

even I cannot guarantee that I would be able to defeat him.

If we assumed that did occur for example,

He has not fought with any of our insect comrades, however...

WHY'S THAT?!

W-

People dying just from mere strikes themselves.

Both techniques and weapons are not important.

THERE SHOULD NOT BE A REASON FOR HIM TO BE THAT STRONG!

EVEN THOUGH HE HAS NO ACTUAL TECHNIQUES,

...a killing technique.

Existence itself is...

.....

It's fine, I don't care.

If there's an opportunity, I'll bring you to meet him.

Although he is a dangerous person, you have nothing to lose in seeing him.

I didn't want to accept it.

...in an imposter like that.

I'm not interested...

...I wanted to think that they didn't exist in this world.

Another existence similar to my type...

He is the one and only.

The Kahen Rider was made to be absolutely invincible.

However...

...said to be the Kahen Rider's himself...

This man's combat style...

As long as I do not surpass this man...

I...

I needed to accept his existence once he swore earlier.

I needed to know about him much earlier.

...cannot become the Kahen Rider.

and I *will* become the true Kahen Rider.

This time, I *will* definitely defeat this man,

Please watch me, Kumo.

That is...

...the requiem of love from me...

...that I am dedicating to you.

...KILLIN-

NEW...

GAH...

.....

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Kabuto-mushi...

K-

Because of work.

Now instead of that,

...in a place like this...

Why are you...

...suit me?

does this school uniform...

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I am the True Kahen Rider!

It's clearly uncomfortable seeing such an overdone youth dress-up

Hah... How?

I'm pretty sure I could still pass as a female high school student, right?

Although I specifically made this just to infiltrate the school,

Oh you... Goki -chan dear...

Anyways, it's fine. Hurry and call up Fujii Alice.

Or else...

...hasn't changed at all, has it!

That kind of cheeky attitude .

Got it?

I'll crush you to death.

TL Note: She actually says "Ah?" in a more vulgar tone to ask for confirmation, but it makes no sense in written English, so I swapped it.

And as proof ..

I have no intention to go against Goki-chan!

Ehehe... ♡

A joke, a joke!

Juuust kidding!

But I still can't trust you...

!

I'm empty -handed, aren't I?

LOOK!

Just who is she..?

Hey wait ...

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What're you doing all of a sudden...

Just what the heck's with that girl?!

Hey..!

H-

has no chance of winning.

Anyone who challenges her stra.ght on

She's quite a dangerous opponent.

We have to get Alice -sama and escape!

In this case, we'll have to go to the pool

I guess there's no point in chasing them down

It's rather frustrating, but

They managed to get away.

Ahh...

...a cockroach that dedicates itself to running!

There isn't exactly anybody who can stop...

...of one specific person...

Though if we were to speak...

Walt.

That just now...
...was nothing.

.....

The "Kahen Rider" is the strongest title.

Again.

I messed up the timing when I should've called the technique.

To be the "Kahen Rider",

Those would be...

there are two things you do not have.

...I cannot be defeated.

By those whose strengths are diluted by techniques...

...and justice.

...love...

For those who do not have love in their hearts...

I'm sure you'd know as well.

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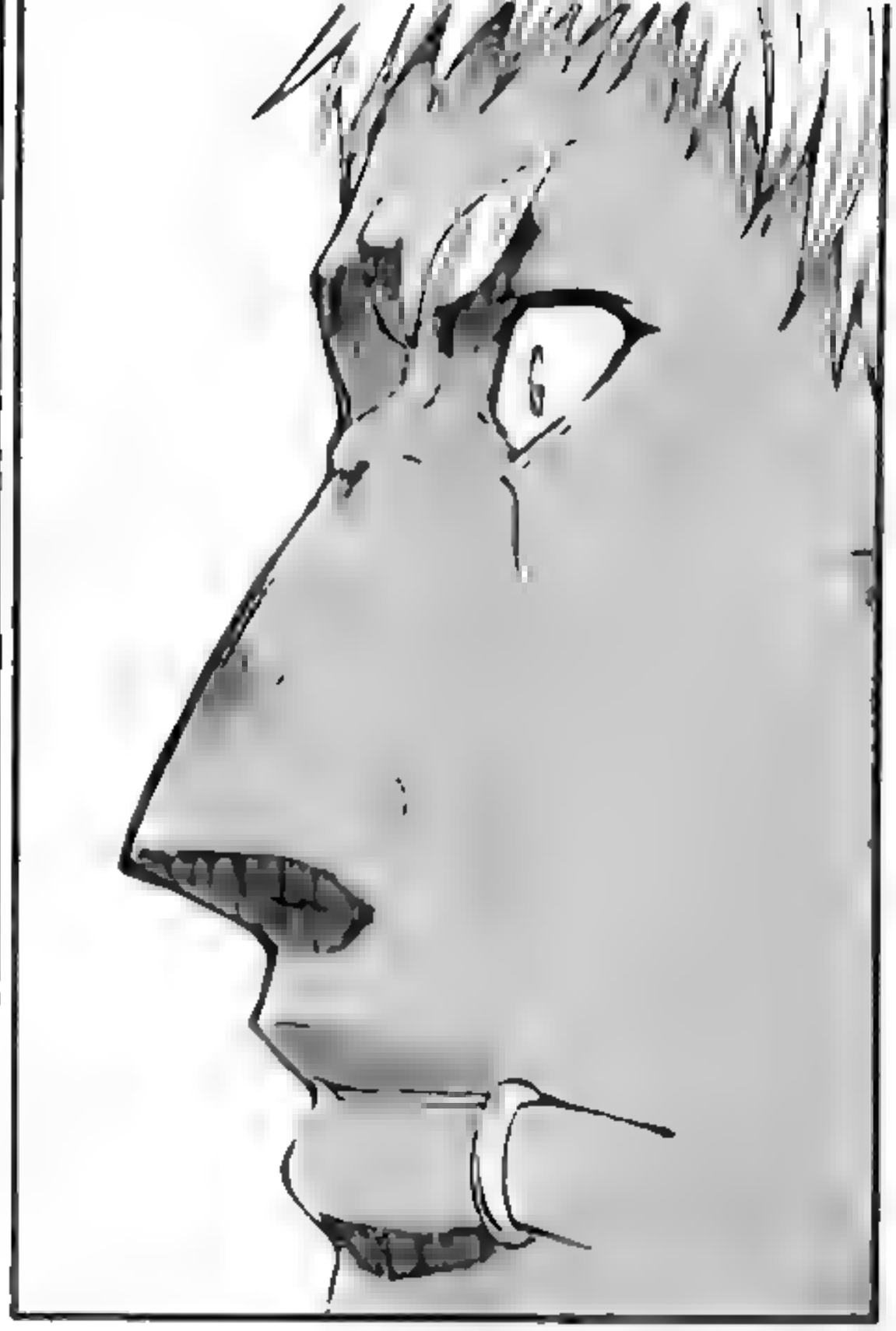

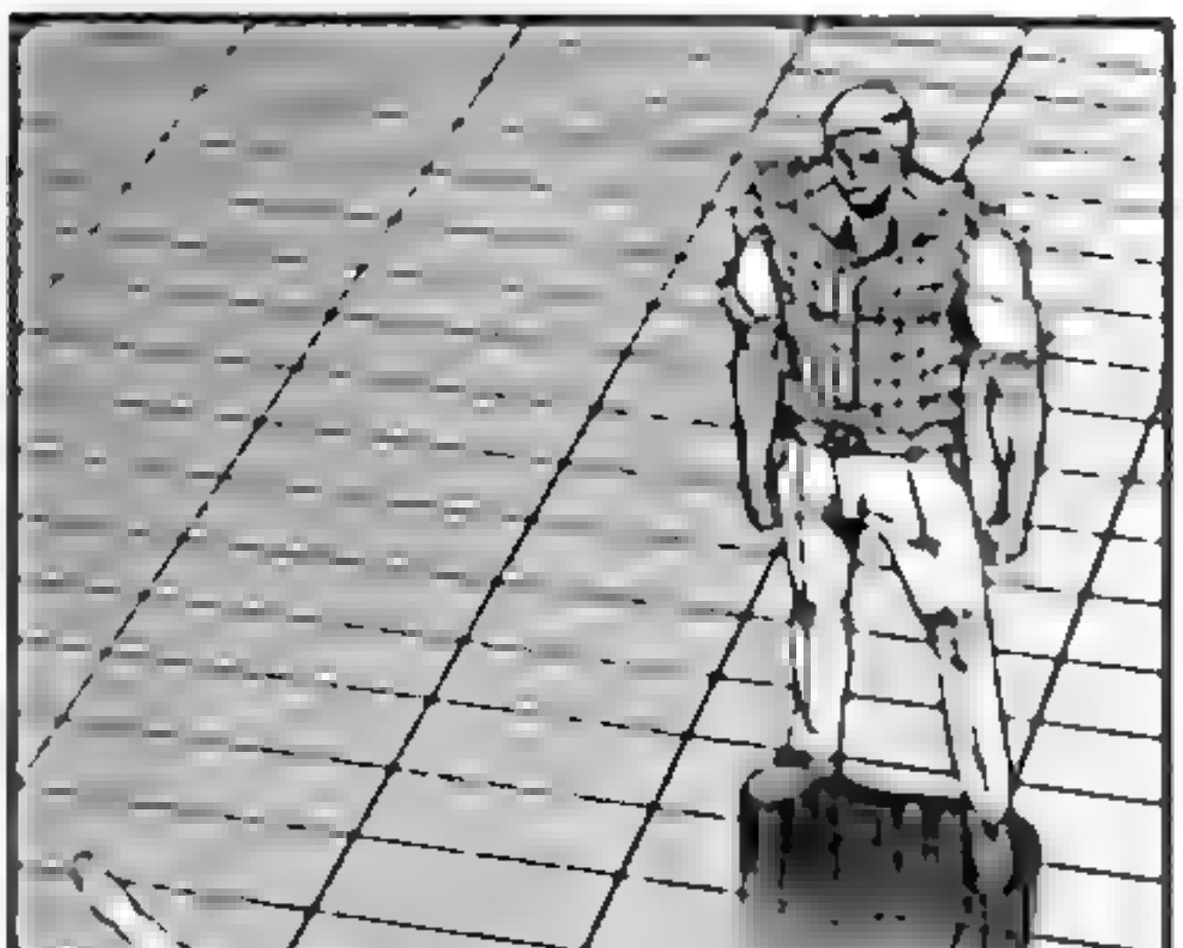

The one stupid kick you remember best huh.

I wondered what it would be, but it's the same as before

Hmph.

He was aiming for...

This guy...

...my fist...

Accele-
ration!

Rebound +

Gravity

Love +

Justice

New Killing Technique

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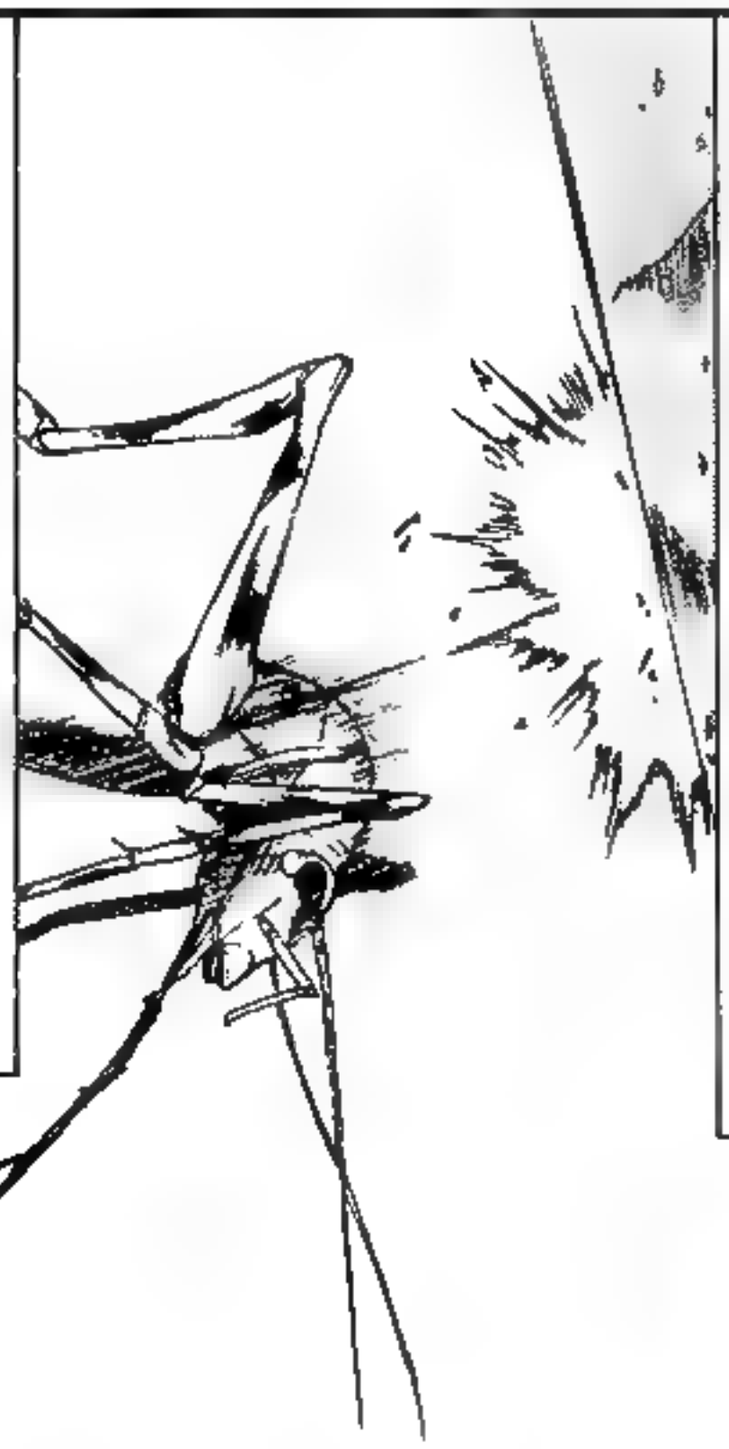
Triangle Rider

ライダーキック

目Kick撃

...is of a impulsive and reckless nature, however...



They personally attack the surfaces of walls, so you'd better believe that their lethal leg strength

Kama-douma are careful hunters.

While probing the situation with their antennae

but only after a long consideration do they make a decision

they select a target

...is long.

The time between sensing a prey and an attack...

That is the true, original hunting style of the Kamadouma

In response to that sort of situation occuring in reality,

those calculated movements are the source of their success when they're trying to subdue their prey.

...are frequently witnessed.

even cases where they use triangle jumps...

キロ

Wea-

Hmph!

It's as I told you before.

if I repeat it a hundred times, it will become a technique.

Even if it's the same stupid move I remember best,

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Justice!!

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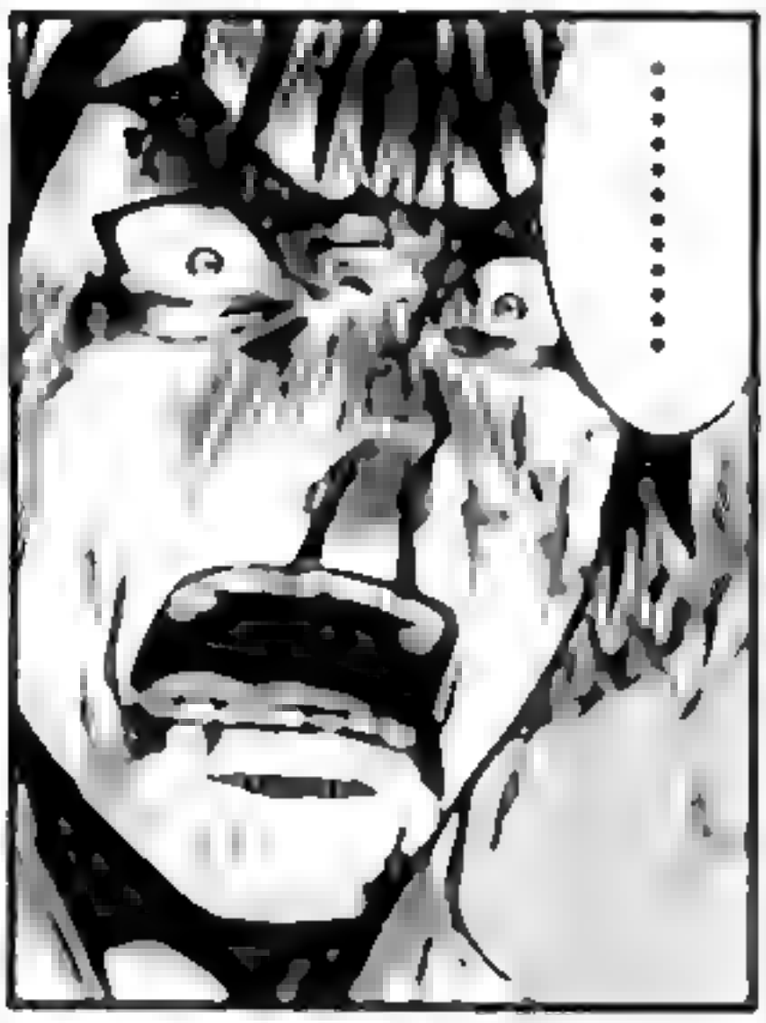
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OH

HHH

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I AM...

THE TRUE...

THIS ME IS...

KAHEN R-DAWR-.-.-.

Ehh...

Defeating Riokku has...

...made things quite interesting, hasn't it...

...This game...

A group of psychos.

...uses assassins that take the names of insects to murder people.

The Organiz -ation...

...a mysterious entity who can only be contacted by the person named "Suzume Bachi".

The boss of The Organization is...

...a human who calls herself the "Boss".

However, now, in front of my eyes is...

She is...

President of the
Student Council

Kurokawa
Sara

025話 始まりの序曲

The Progressing Past as Planned

Is it even possible?

However ...

...is a student of this school...

The "Boss" that leads all the strong assassins in The Organization...

.....

W-

Your face clearly says, "I totally can't believe this", doesn't it?

Fufu ...

If it's revenge against me, isn't it enough to just target me alone?

Having to go for people who aren't even related

...that you desire?

What is it...

Alice.

It's about what you think.

...isn't with me.

The problem ...

Anything's fine. That sort of thing

Hmm..?

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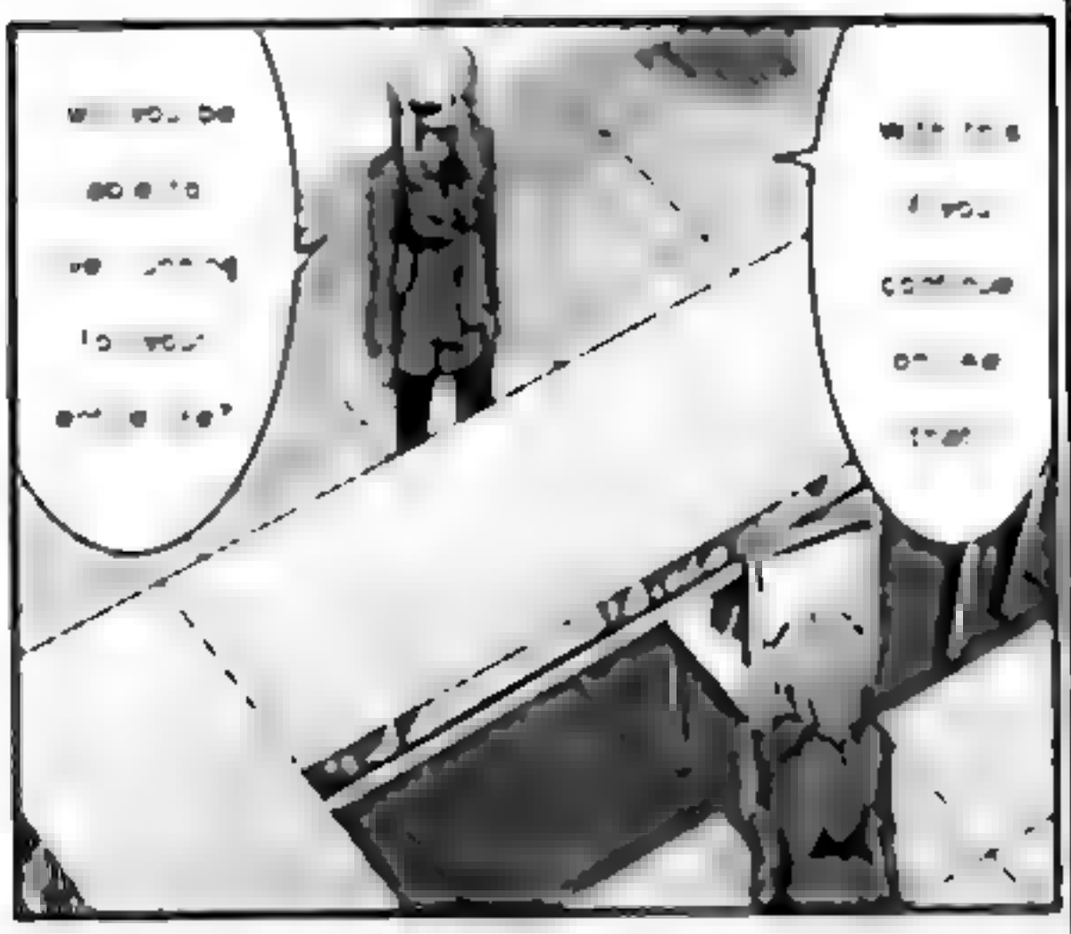


Or would you
want to beg
for your life

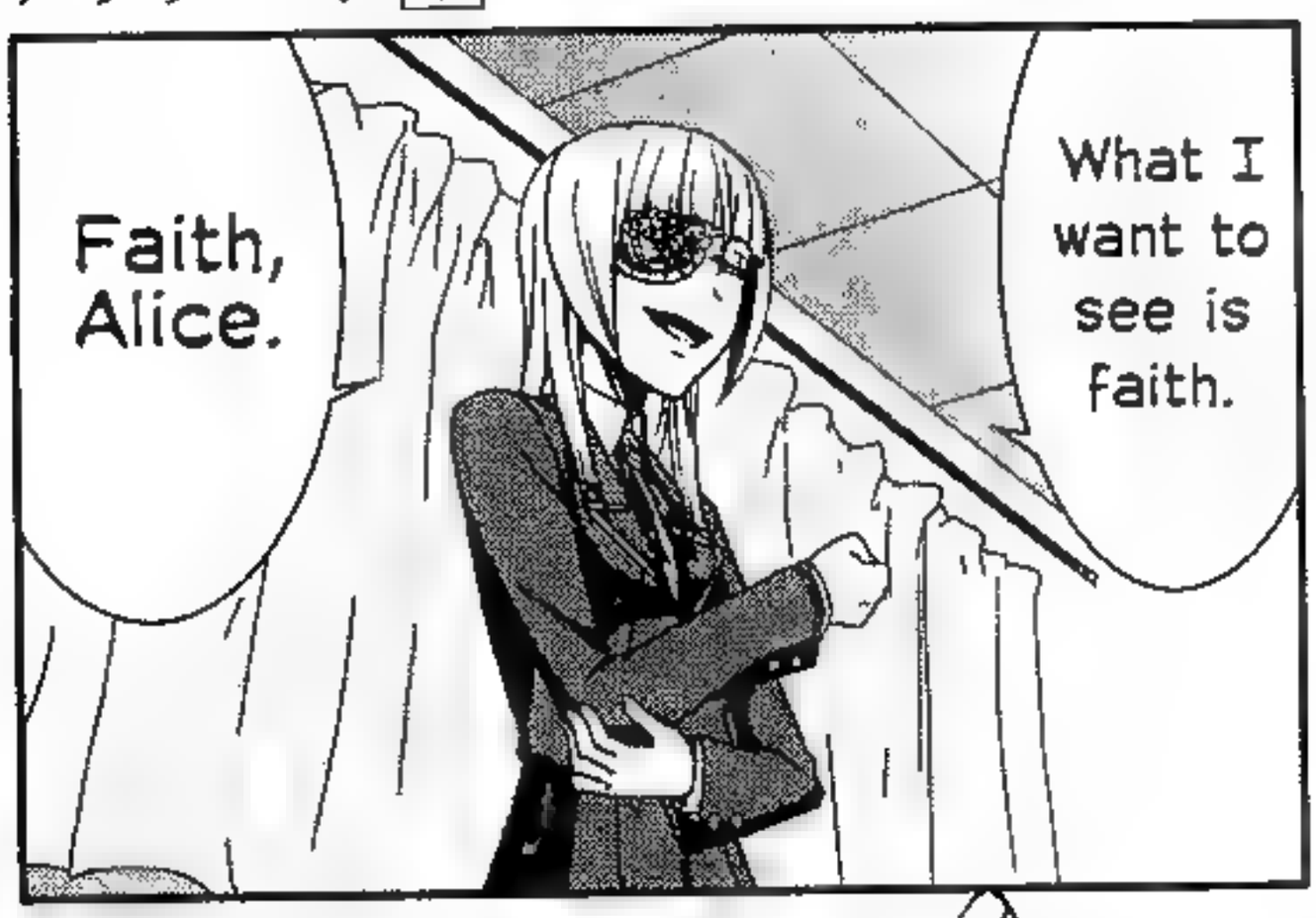
Will you
free Tajima
-san and
Oki-san?!
What
will
it be?
and wish to
enter my
Organization?
Hey!

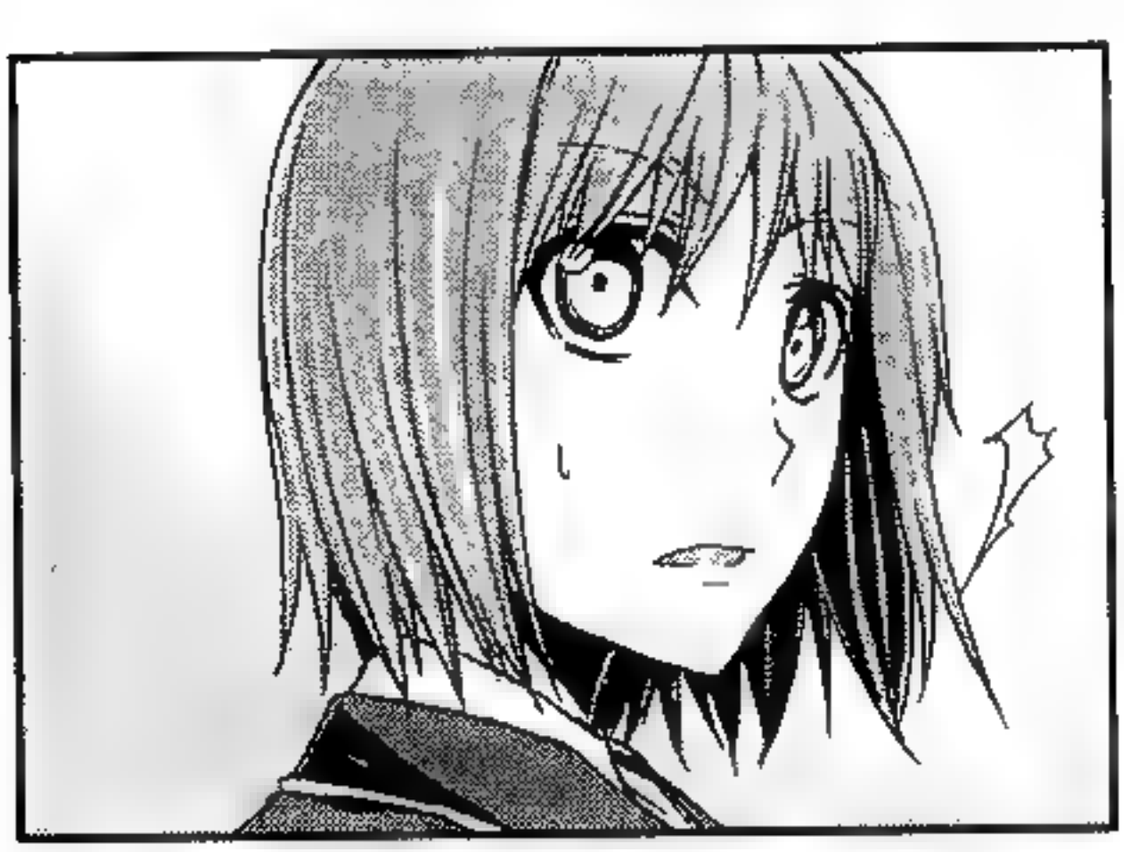
Cutting you three into minced meat

I didn't ask for you to answer my question with another question!

spilling the guts out of crayfish bait.

will be as enjoyable as watching an octopus





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These guys are..?!

Say, Alice.

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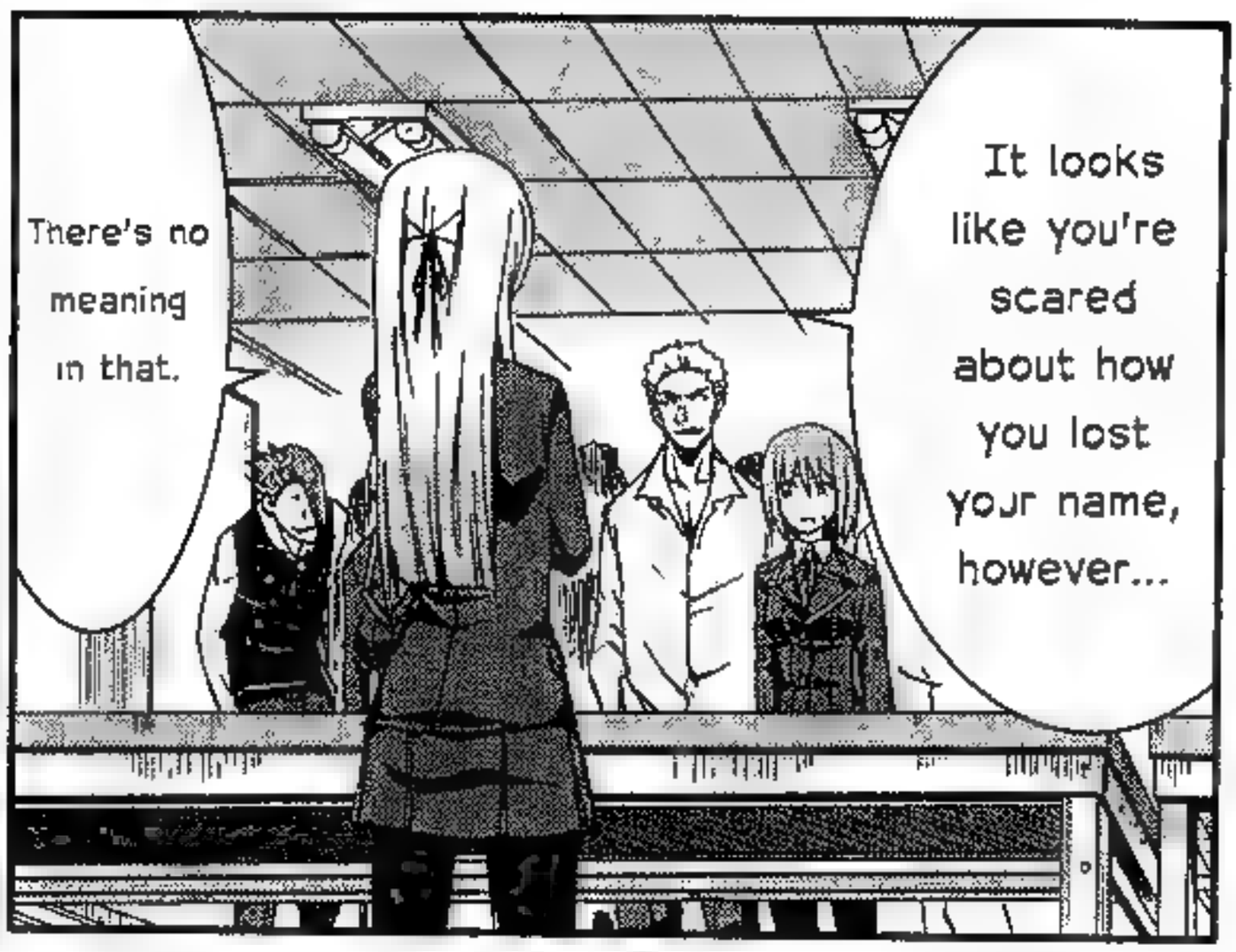
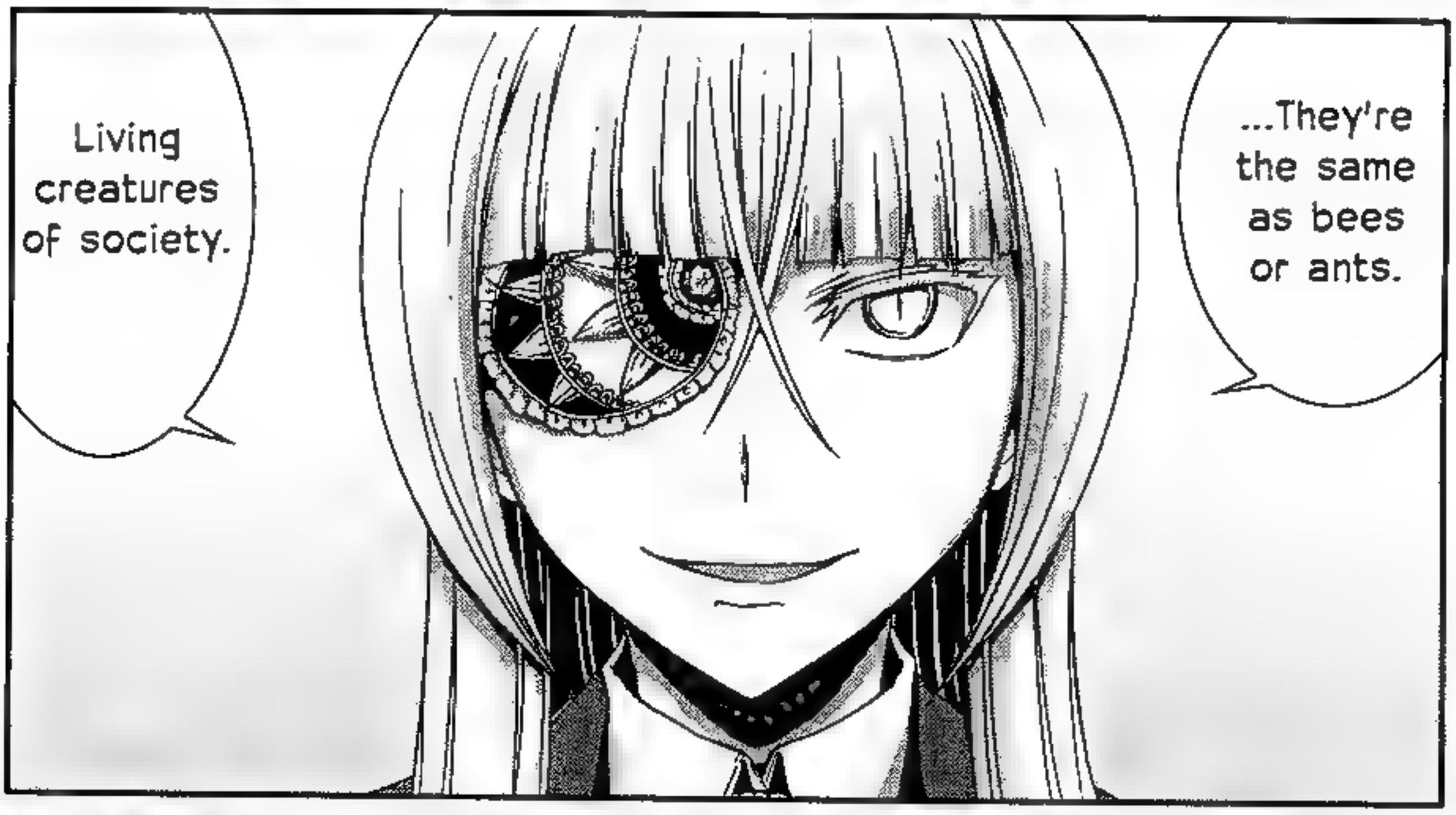
A.though, human be.ngs...


There's no meaning in that.
It looks like you're scared about how you lost your name, however...


Living creatures of society.
...They're the same as bees or ants.

And so, for you...

This is the true nature of humans!
They exhibit their specia it es For the First time when they are g. ded nto becoming an existence that is crutial to the whole

...with my cute soldiers?

...Why don't you form bonds...

...with my cute soldiers,

By having a ceremony of connecting...

...of my Organization!

I will consider you as a member...

So this time's a first-year, huh...

Hehe...

I want to do her now...

I can't take it...

Well, in terms of her body...

.....

K-

Kuramoto -senpai...

...as Kuramoto's, but...

Hehe ...

...It doesn't seem as fun...

B-

Because of me...

...Even Kuramoto -senpai...

I...

...I cannot forgive this...

.....

Alice...

Well then What'll you do

President.

Please stop already.

This sort of thing...

I beg of you.

...Please overlook Fujii-san.

There-fore...

I will keep these people company.

.....

Ah..?

S-

Senpai

...

I thought I had a lot of problems, but...

Up until now,

...What are you planning?

Defying me...

She has to put up with bullying

Her parents are dead

Compared to what Fuji-san goes through

Her life is constantly targeted

And having pictures and videos of myself spread around

Being humiliated

isn't that big of a deal!

Absolutely

Kuramoto
-senpai...

K-

Hmm-
mmph...

I'm
moved.

In
agreement
with that
positiveness
of yours...

...all of a
sudden,
giving me
opinions...

A person
like you
who's
always
passive...

I'll let them totally screw with you until you completely break.

I'll do as you wish.

Ah-

Just what ...

should I do.

What should I do?

If it stays like this, Kuramoto -senpai will...

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Phone...

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田嶋さん

Tajima -san..!

SFX: Phone Vibrating

Bitch, I should be asking you where the hell you are!

I have a bad feeling about this!

Where are you right now?!

Tajima -san!!

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Hello?!

Hello?!!

I no longer

We're at the west school building, first floo-

Hurry up and save us!

Have free time

...to choose...

...my tactic!!

that make up the largest family of spiders,

To at least 500 known genera and 5000 species of spiders

Salticidae, this is a killing weapon

Jumping.

by secreting hormones they suddenly increase the blood pressure in their legs,

at the same time that their "attack switch" clicks,

Confirming their target,

Their reaction time is

and automatically launch with instantaneous jumping force.

within this tight window of time

By using the Congenital Excessive Concentration disorder she s had since birth

It is about 50 times greater than a human being's.

actually 0.01 second

she shifts from defense to offence

an opportunity created by her jump.

And this...

...exemplifies an arachnid's way of life.

...combat style...

Fuji Abee's...

What's this...

All of a sudden...

Eh...

...is becoming ineffective...

...Control of my thread...

...is an arachnid's lifeline.

The thread...

That is to say...

...Establishing your targets with your thread...

...And hunting with your thread...

Keeping your balance with your thread...

you become helpless.

If you lose control of your thread,

……

the one who endures having to be the "boss"

This person is...

T—

...The Organiz-ation's most important person...

...Suzume Bachi.

Stop boring the Boss,

Fujii Alice.

.....

...path you can take to keep surviving.

That is the one and only...

Even if I fought this person...

Fujii

Just why..?

...don't have the feeling I'd win...

...I totally...

In order to keep living.

In order to keep living...

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...I have no choice, but to run.

F-

Fujii-san...

I'm sorry I dragged you into this...

But...

By today!

Let's settle it once and for all!

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Yes!!

Y-

Fufu
...

In spite of the fact that if I considered killing her, I would've...

.....

Suzume Bachi?

You're rather devoted to that girl, aren't you,

At any rate,

Well, it's okay.

TL Note: Sara here wasn't expecting Suzume Bachi to appear all of a sudden, and is just saying that she didn't need his help.

everything's fine.

It's progressing just as planned.

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